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In re Application of:

Paul GILSON et al.

Application No.: 09/838,545

Filed: April 20, 2001

For: AN EMBOLIC PROTECTION  
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend this application as follows:

### IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1, between lines 3 and 5, insert the following new paragraph:

*a* --This is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 09/188,472, filed November 9, 1998.--

### REMARKS

The above amendment to the specification further clarifies that the instant application is a continuation-in-part application of pending Application No. 09/188,472.

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